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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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DATE: February 24, 2021

RE: Calendar Year 2020 NCLEX Pass Rates; Application of Rule 4723-5-23, OAC

Annually, the Board reviews the NCLEX pass rates of pre-license nursing education programs with Full, Provisional, or Continued Conditional approval. NCLEX national and state data are provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, specifies that each program's NCLEX pass rate is determined by the percentage of a program's first-time test candidates who attempted the NCLEX exam within six months of completing the nursing education program. Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, also establishes 95% of the national average of first time test candidates as the benchmark pass rate for Ohio.

If a program has an NCLEX pass rate that is less than 95% for first-time candidates, who took the NCLEX within six months of completion of the program, in a calendar year, the following shall apply:

- After the first year, the program shall establish a plan indicating action steps to improve its graduates' NCLEX scores, and submit the plan with the annual report to the Board.
- After two consecutive years, the program shall prepare a report that evaluates the plan of action established after the first year of low NCLEX scores, identify additional steps, and submit the plan with the annual report.
- After three consecutive years, the Board shall conduct a survey visit of the program, after which the Board may take action concerning the approval status of the program.
- After the fourth consecutive year, the Board is required to place the program on Provisional approval, and the Board may conduct a survey visit.

For the Board to consider restoring a program to Full approval status after a program is placed on Provisional status due to low NCLEX scores, a program must have a NCLEX pass rate that meets or exceeds 95% of the national average for first-time candidates for at least two consecutive years.

Below is information based on all first-time test candidates in calendar year 2020, and includes the national RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages; the Ohio RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages; and Ohio RN and PN program NCLEX pass rates compared to the 95% of the national average benchmark. NCLEX pass rate information from 2019 is in parentheses. Programs with ten or more first time test candidates achieving 100% pass rates are also identified.

Section 1: Registered Nursing (RN) Education Programs

Overview and Trends – NCLEX-RN 2020 (2019):

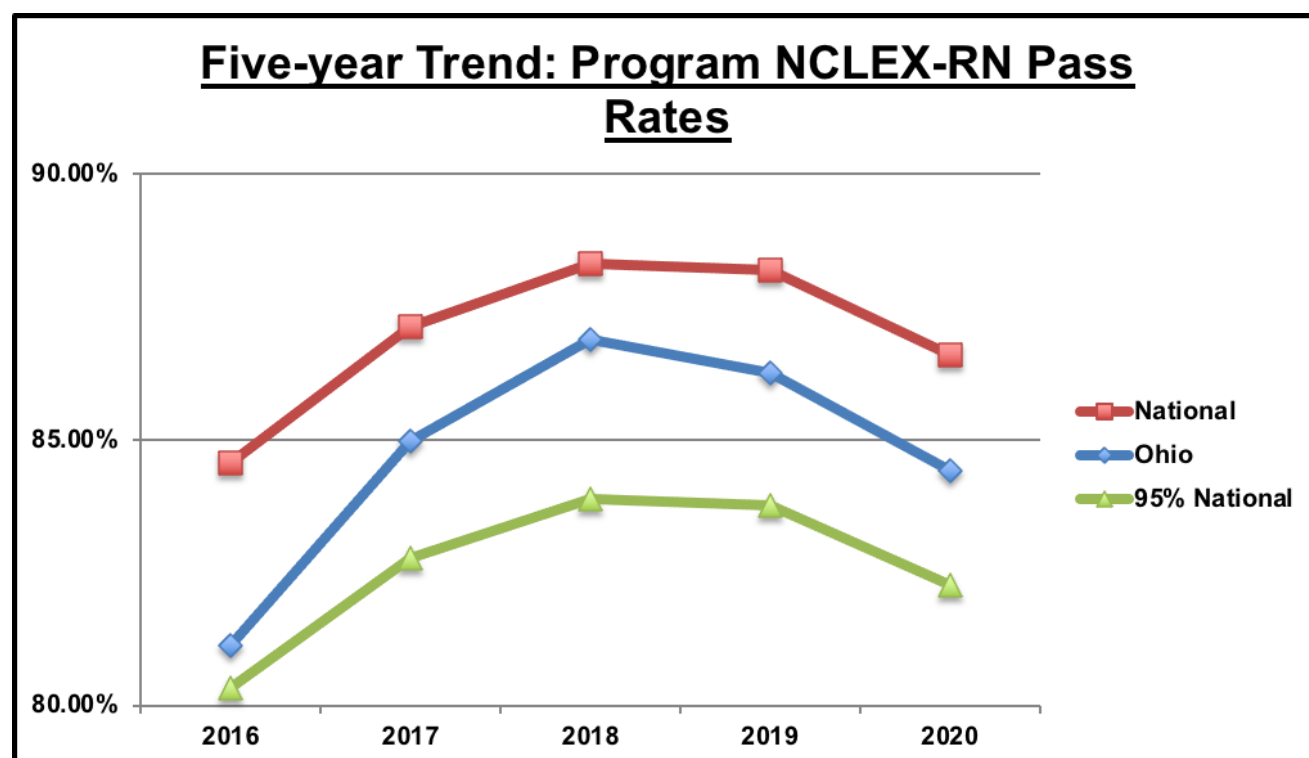
National average: 86.58% (88.18%)

- Number of national candidates: 177,391 (171,374)

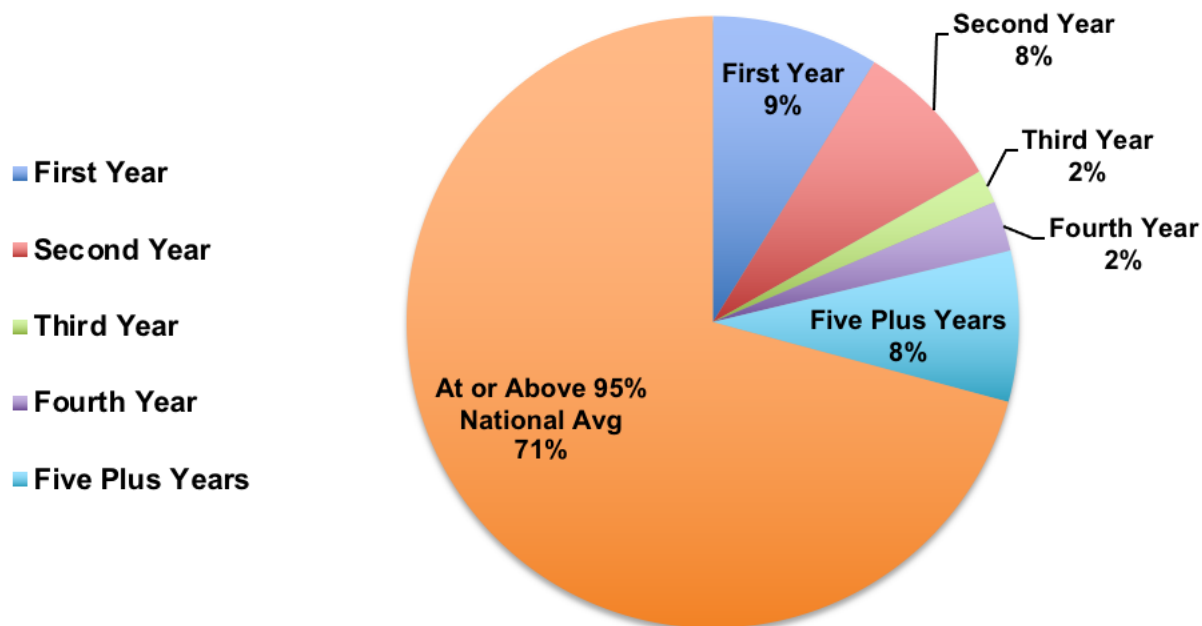
Ohio: 84.41% (86.25%)

- Number of Ohio candidates: 8,183 (8,430)

95% of national average: 82.25% (83.77%)



2020 Summary of Program NCLEX-RN Program **Pass Rates**



100% Pass Rate for RN Programs with Ten or More Students Based on All First Time Test Candidates within Calendar Year

- Aultman College of Nursing & Health Sciences – 11
- Graduate Entry Nursing Program Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing Case Western Reserve University – 39
- Muskingum University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 10
- Ohio Northern University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 28
- Ohio University School of Nursing – Chillicothe – 13
- The University of Findlay, Department of Nursing – 16
- Tri-Rivers School of Nursing Diploma Program – 17
- Trinity Health System School of Nursing – 35
- University of Mount Union, Department of Nursing – 28

**NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average Based on First
Time Test Candidates within Six Months of Program Completion**

One Year of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Hiram College, Department of Nursing, Baccalaureate Nursing Education Program: Full	81.25%	16/13/3
Kent State University College of Applied and Technical Studies: Full	77.05%	183/141/42
Knox Technical Center – LPN to RN Transition Program: Full	61.54%	13/8/5
Notre Dame College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	68.75%	16/11/5
Ohio Institute of Allied Health, Inc., Nursing Education Program: Full	66.67%	15/10/5
Richard Medical Academy Registered Nurse Program: Provisional	66.67%	6/4/2
Sandusky Career Center LPN to RN Diploma Program: Full	80.95%	21/17/4
Sinclair Community College, Associate Degree Nursing Program: Full	82.17%	129/106/23

Stark State College Associate Degree in Nursing Program: Full	78.68%	136/107/29
University of Rio Grande, Holzer School of Nursing: Full	73.33%	105/77/28

**Two Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Akron Campus of Herzing University, Nursing Program: Full	75.86% 29/22/7	77.78% 36/28/8
Cedarville University School of Nursing: Full	82.14% 112/92/20	83.16% 95/79/16
Clark State College - Springfield Regional School of Nursing: Full	75.45% 110/83/27	78.83% 137/108/29
Herzing University-Akron Campus Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	0% 1/0/1	50% 2/1/1
Hocking College Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	70.77% 65/46/19	75% 72/54/18
Mount Vernon Nazarene University School of Nursing and Health Science Nursing Department: Full	82.14% 28/23/5	76.19% 21/16/5
North Central State College Associate Degree Nursing Program: Full	77.97% 59/46/13	76.19% 63/48/15

Southern State Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program: Full	75% 44/33/11	72.92% 48/35/13
Xavier University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Full	79.72% 212/169/43	82.89% 152/126/26

**Three Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2018-2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Athena Career Academy LPN to RN Program: Full	55.81% 43/24/19	2019: 55.56% 45/25/15 2018: 52.50% 40/21/19
Shawnee State University, Department of Nursing, Associate Degree Program: Full	78.26% 23/18/5	2019: 83.33% 24/20/4 2018: 81.25% 48/39/9

**Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2017-2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Collins Career Technical Center LPN- RN Diploma Nursing Program: Full	67.61% 71/48/23	2019: 65% 40/26/14 2018: 81.25% 64/52/12 2017: 64.70% 34/22/12
Mercy College of Ohio, Baccalaureate Nursing Program: Full	76% 75/57/18	2019: 66.67% 75/50/25 2018: 80.43% 46/37/9 2017: 82.56% 109/90/19
Ross College-North Canton: Full	66.67% 9/6/3	2019: 73.08% 26/19/6 2018: 56.25% 16/9/7 2017: 60.86% 23/14/9

**Programs on Provisional Approval for Five or More Years of NCLEX-RN Pass
Rates Below 95% National Average**

Program Name	Provisional Approval Effective Date
Acadia Career Institute Registered Nursing Program	March 2018
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Registered Nursing Program	March 2016
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Centerville	March 2017
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Westerville	March 2017
ATA College Registered Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing (<i>Formerly Beckfield College Associate Degree Nursing Program</i>)	March 2018
Bryant & Stratton College Department of Nursing	March 2017
Bryant & Stratton College, Nursing Program Akron	March 2018
Hondros College of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing	March 2017
Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Nursing Education Program (Diploma)	March 2017

Section 2: Practical Nursing (PN) Education Programs

Overview and Trends – NCLEX-PN 2020 (2019):

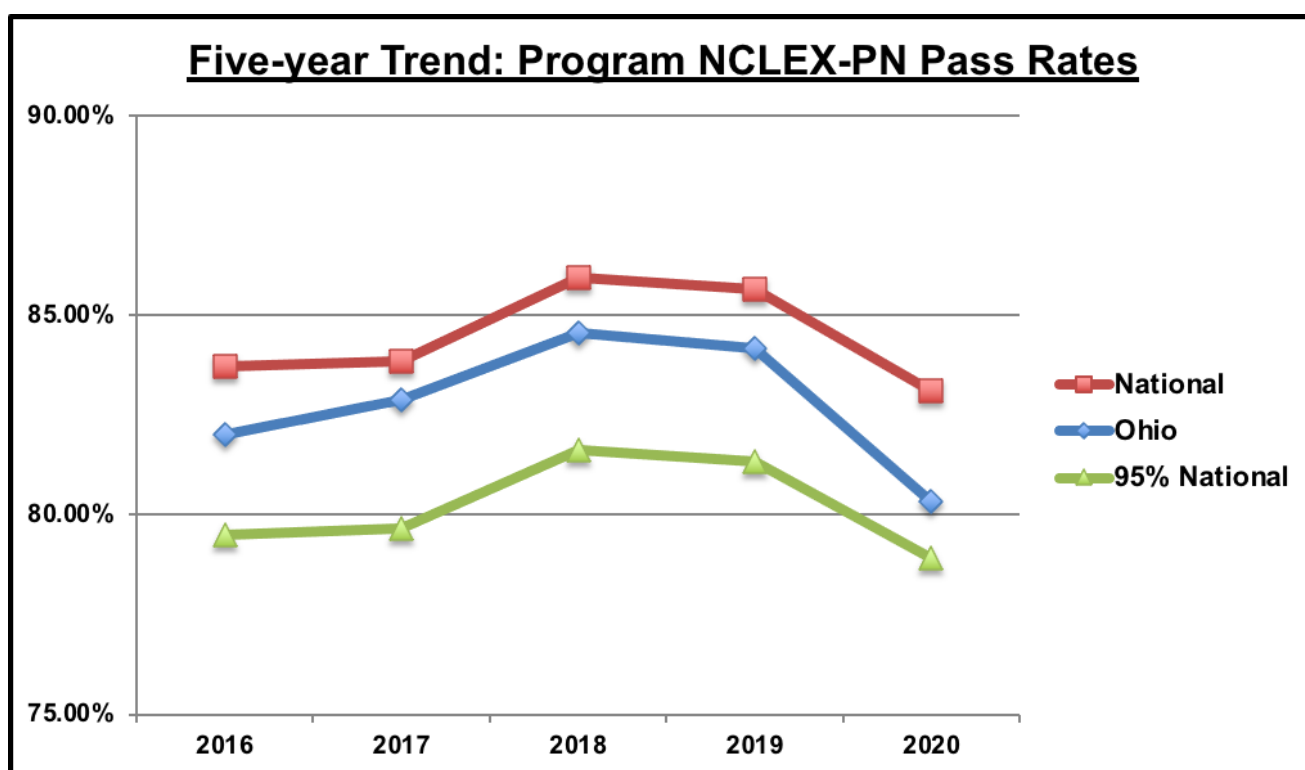
National average: 83.09% (85.63%)

- Number of national candidates: 45,656 (48,228)

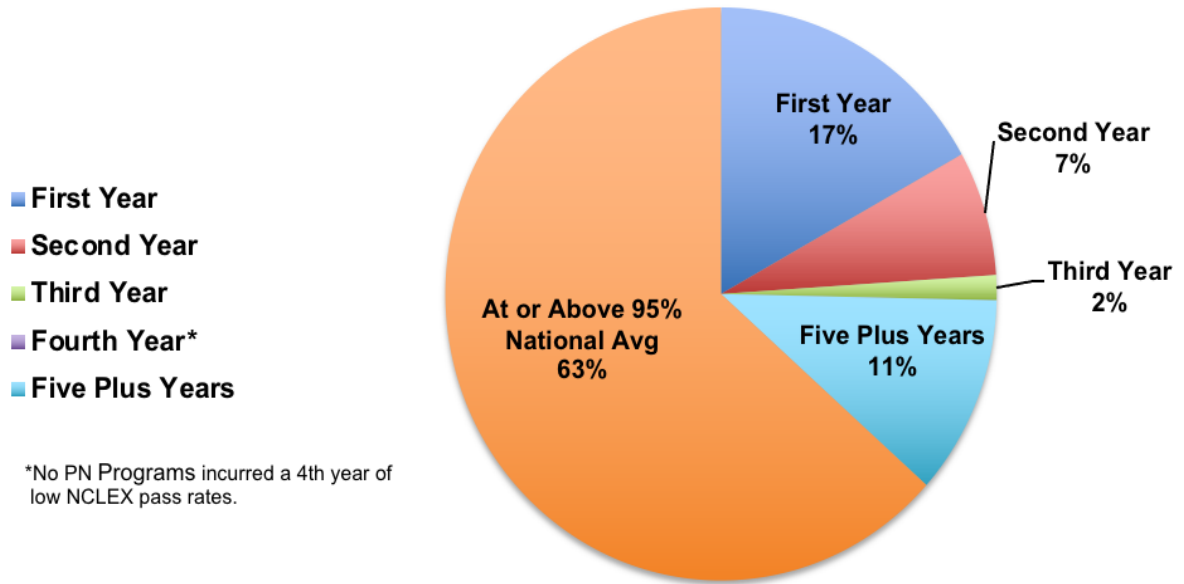
Ohio: 80.33% (84.16%)

- Number of Ohio candidates: 2,460 (3,011)

95% of national average: 78.93% (81.34%)



2020 Summary of Program NCLEX-PN Program **Pass Rates**



100% Pass Rate for PN Programs with Ten or More Students
Based on All First Time Test Candidates Within Calendar Year

- Apollo School of Practical Nursing – 32
- Belmont College Practical Nursing Program – 11
- Knox County Career Center Licensed Practical Nursing Program – 17
- MDT College of Health Sciences Practical Nursing Program – 12
- Stautzenberger College Practical Nursing Program – 11

**NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average Based on First Time
Test Candidates within Six Months of Program Completion**

One Year of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Academia Medical Institute, School of Nursing: Full	75%	4/3/1
Central School of Practical Nursing, Inc.: Full	55%	20/11/9
Clark State College Practical Nurse Program: Full	76%	50/38/12
Eastern Gateway Community College School of Practical Nursing: Full	66.67%	3/2/1
Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing: Full	71.67%	60/43/17
Hocking College Practical Nursing Program: Full	64.29%	14/9/5
Miami Valley Career Technology Center Program of Practical Nurse Education: Full	77.19%	57/44/13

Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, Zanesville Campus High School PN Program: Full	77.78%	9/7/2
Pickaway-Ross Practical Nursing Education Program: Full	70%	20/14/6
Practical Nursing - Fortis College Centerville: Full	67.86%	28/19/9
The Practical Nursing School of Buckeye Hills Career Center: Full	78.57%	14/11/3
Trumbull Career & Technical Center School of Practical Nursing: Adult: Full	58.33%	12/7/5

Two Year of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Athena Career Academy Practical Nursing Program: Full	69.35% 62/43/19	81.16% 69/56/13
Bryant & Stratton College Licensed Practical Nursing Program: Full	66.67% 6/4/2	50% 4/2/2
Ohio Institute of Allied Health Practical Nursing Program: Full	75% 8/6/2	75% 4/3/1
Practical Nursing – Fortis College, Westerville: Full	70.83% 24/17/7	80% 45/36/9

**Three Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2020 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2018-2019 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Choffin School of Practical Nursing: Full	73.91% 23/17/6	2019: 80% 30/24/6 2018: 79.31% 29/23/6

**No PN Programs Incurred Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX Pass Rates Below
95%**

**Programs on Provisional Approval for Five or More Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates
Below 95% National Average**

Program Name	Provisional Approval Effective Date
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Practical Nursing Education Program	March 2015
ATA College Pre-Licensure Practical Nursing, Diploma <i>(Formerly Beckfield College Practical Nursing Program)</i>	March 2019
Felbry College-School of Nursing Practical Nursing	March 2015
Ohio Medical Career College Practical Nursing Education Program	March 2015
Portage Lakes Career Center–W. Howard Nicol School of Practical Nursing	March 2019
Practical Nurse Program, Canton City School District	March 2015
Richard Medical Academy	March 2019
Willoughby-Eastlake School of Practical Nursing-High School Division **No test takers within 6 months	March 2016